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Subject: Re: Peters to Convene Field Summit on PFAS Contamination in Michigan

Ok. Thanks . Just making sure all were aware .

I don't need to discuss further .

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On Nov 5, 2018, at 9:43 AM, Deamer, Eileen <deamer.eileen@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Ralph –

Sen. Peters' staff have been in contact with us regarding the invitation. We replied last week to an email last Thursday from a different staff member with the following:

Thank you for Senator Peters' invitation for Regional Administrator Cathy Stepp to attend the Nov. 13, 2018, PFAS summit in Grand Rapids. I've checked her calendar, and on that day she will be in Minnesota at our annual meeting with tribal leaders from across the Region – including tribes in Michigan. This Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting was scheduled in September, and includes all the Region 5 senior leadership team, as we discuss a broad range of topics of interest to the 32 tribal nations in EPA Region 5.

So, we have to send our sincere regrets for Region 5 participation. We want to assure you that we continue to stay engaged with our Headquarters offices as the Office of Water leads the development of a national PFAS strategy. Region 5 is committed to supporting Michigan and other Region 5 states, tribes and local communities in addressing challenges with PFAS, and looks forward to continuing the dialogue on this important issue.

We then later received a formal invitation via email, even though we let them know that Cathy and senior staff are unavailable, and are preparing a letter in response.

If you want to discuss, please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you,

Eileen Deamer

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From: Bassler, Rachel
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Subject: Fwd: Peters to Convene Field Summit on PFAS Contamination in Michigan

FYI- see below . RA has been invited to be on one of panels.

Also , Jeff and I are working on some additional briefing documents that may help in any divisional prep needed to support this (next week , I assume)

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From: "Vosovic, Jayme (Peters)" <Jayme_Vosovic@peters.senate.gov>
Date: November 2, 2018 at 4:13:51 PM EDT
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Subject: Peters to Convene Field Summit on PFAS Contamination in Michigan

Good Afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to make you aware that Senator Peters will be in Grand Rapids on November 13, 2018 to convene a Field Summit on PFAS. Please see below for further details. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend,

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GRAND RAPIDS, MI – U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) will convene a Senate subcommittee field summit titled “Local, State and Federal Response to PFAS Contamination in Michigan” at **10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 13th in Grand Rapids, Michigan**. The Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management Subcommittee summit will highlight how exposure to PFAS chemicals impacts Michigan communities and inform potential federal actions to support local efforts to address PFAS contamination. The summit will build on a Subcommittee hearing held last month in Washington, DC at Peters’ request to assess the federal role in PFAS contamination.

“Despite Michigan’s abundance of freshwater, communities from Parchment to Oscoda are facing man-made drinking water crises due to PFAS contamination,” **said Senator Peters, Ranking Member of the Federal Spending and Emergency Management Subcommittee**. “Families across Michigan have been exposed to these dangerous chemicals, and the federal government has a responsibility to assist local communities as they monitor this crisis, begin cleaning up contaminated sites and prevent further harm to Michiganders.”

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of approximately 4,700 toxic chemicals that have been used for decades in firefighting foams and commercial applications, and have been linked to cancer as well as a wide variety of thyroid, kidney, liver, heart, reproductive and autoimmune problems.

Invited witnesses:

Panel I:

- Sandy Wynn-Stelt, resident of Belmont, Michigan
- Adam London, Administrative Health Officer, Kent County Health Department
- Dr. Rick Rediske, Senior Program Manager and Professor, Grand Valley State University Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute
- Drew YoungeDyke, Communications Coordinator, National Wildlife Federation Great Lakes Regional Center

Panel II:

- Dr. Patrick Breysse, Director, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR)
- Robert Delaney, Environmental Specialist, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
- Carol Issacs, Director, Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART)
- Cathy Stepp, Region V Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

**Witness list and panels are subject to change.*

WHO: U.S. Senator Gary Peters

WHAT: Peters to Convene Senate Subcommittee Field Summit on PFAS Contamination in Michigan

WHEN: Tuesday, November 13th at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium
Richard M. DeVos Center, Building E
Grand Valley State University
401 Fulton St W
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Last month, Peters included a provision in legislation signed into law to give commercial airports the ability to discontinue the use of firefighting foams containing PFAS, since previous regulations requires the use of such foams. A member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Peters included language in the annual defense bill signed into law in September urging the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop fluorine-free firefighting foams. In August, Peters joined Senator Debbie Stabenow in introducing two bipartisan bills to require nationwide testing for PFAS contamination and to hold federal facilities, including active and decommissioned military bases, accountable for addressing PFAS contamination in Michigan and across the country.

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